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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cy:

Your letter of 16 July 1965 designating Assistant Secretary of Defense Alain Enthoven to replace Dr. Fubini in the review of requirements for COMINT is appreciated.

This review of requirements had to be recessed during the period of the OSD review of the Consolidated Cryptologic Program because the same individuals were involved in both exercises. With the completion of this year's CCP review, the review of requirements has now been resumed. The staff analysis phase has been completed. The National Security Agency is currently engaged in developing an estimate of the cost impact of the alternatives identified; and the review staff is drafting its recommendations to be presented to the Director of Central Intelligence and other principals.

This review necessarily has had to challenge existing procedures. I believe that the comprehensive evaluation of COMINT requirements, which has been accomplished, will result in the first of successive decision steps to select among intelligence requirements for use in programming resources, and will significantly change and improve present concepts and methodology for the development and statement of intelligence requirements. In order to arrive at these decisions, a concerted effort by our staffs is still essential. In this connection,

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25X1 I hope that [] will be able to call on the service of Mr. O'Gara, Assistant Director of Defense Research and Engineering, to maintain continuity of OSD staff participation in the review.

In this regard, I share your desire to have the review concluded as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

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Director

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<p>Remarks: Herewith is a draft response for the Director to send to Cy Vance's letter on the SIGINT requirements exercise.</p> <p>It contains a suggestion that Jack O'Gara be continued in the exercise. This may seem somewhat gratuitous as the Defense Department is presumably able to organize itself for this kind of review. On the other hand, O'Gara has been actively associated and very influential in this program, as well as the CCP, and [redacted] feels strongly that we should do something to encourage <i>encourage</i> the desirability of his continued participation.</p>			
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